

GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Whelnetham Community Centre on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 7.00 p.m. (meeting started at 7.20p.m.)

Present

Peter Royce Chairman
Howard Singh
Clifford Dive Vice Chairman
June Atwood
Stephen Smith
Diane Everitt - Clerk

In Attendance

Suffolk Police SNT

Public attending

4 members of the public attended meeting

1 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Terry Clements
Tim Webber

2 Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting of 13th May 2015

These had been circulated and were agreed as a true and correct record.

Proposed Howard Singh
Seconded Peter Royce
All agreed

3. Chairman's Report

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Peter said that the Council needs to adapt to new circumstances, and mentioned briefly the recent planning application for the Erskine Centre. He also spoke about Councillor training and the need for the Council to budget for this in the future. Parking at the school was highlighted as an important issue after the recent accident outside the school. Peter's report suggested that the precept may need to be increased this year due to the Government Grant administered by St

Edmundsbury Borough Council being reduced again and eventually withdrawn altogether.

He thanked Christine Peck previous Parish Clerk and Catherine Hibbert interim Clerk for their help and work, and then welcomed Diane Everitt the new Parish Clerk. Peter continued by thanking David Howe, who recently resigned from the Parish Council. Peter finished his report by thanking the other Councillors for their help and support.

4 Police Report

Report attached to minutes. Police will no longer attend all meetings, but from September there will be a website up and running from where local information will be available. The local SNT is currently run from Bury St Edmunds. Rural dwelling burglaries are an issue at present but these are mostly to the north of Bury.

Questions

It was mentioned at the meeting re the 999 number being used for non emergency contact. The 101 number not being widely know. This will be fed back via the officer.

CCTV question from the floor, re if outside private property but showing views of another person's property, advised that this could cause a private complaint from the other person. Public Businesses have to have a licence.

5 Suffolk County Council and Borough Reports

Reports received from Terry Clements had been circulated by the Clerk and will be filed with the minutes.

Locality Budget Money

Whelnetham FC white liner for pitch	£646
Light at bus stop Grove Cottages	£1302.77
Rural Coffee Caravan all areas new vehicle	£500

SCC Highlights from 2015/16

Council Tax frozen for 6th year in a row
SCC's children's serviced department rated good by Ofsted
Education attainment in Suffolk there has been a rise in the number of students getting 5 or more A-C grades
Broadband roll out on target
Changes in how rural transport is provided should bring positive difference to communities

£1bn Devolution deal announced for East Anglia

6 Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter from the school with details of recent activities attached to minutes of this meeting

7 Public Question Time

It was asked whether the Police information will be put onto the Parish Website, yes will be happen.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed Chairman

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